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Legal Subcommittee
Thirty-fifth session
Vienna, 18 March-4 April 1996

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session.
2. Statement by the Chairman.
3. Question of review and possible revision of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space.*
4. Matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and to the character and utilization of the geostationary orbit, including consideration of ways and means to ensure the rational and equitable use of the geostationary orbit without prejudice to the role of the International Telecommunication Union.*
5. Consideration of the legal aspects related to the application of the principle that the exploration and utilization of outer space should be carried out for the benefit and in the interests of all States, taking into particular account the needs of developing countries.*
6. Other matters.**

*The General Assembly, in paragraph 4 of its resolution 50/27 of 6 December 1995, endorsed the recommendations of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the Legal Subcommittee, at its thirty-fifth session, taking into account the concerns of all countries, particularly those of developing countries, should continue its consideration of items 3, 4 and 5, considering items 4 and 5 through working groups. The Assembly, in paragraph 5 of the same resolution, also endorsed the recommendation of the Committee that the Legal Subcommittee should suspend consideration in its working group of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space pending the results of the work in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, without prejudice to the possibility of reconvening its working group on that item if, in the opinion of the Legal Subcommittee, sufficient progress was made in the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee at its session in 1996 to warrant the reconvening of the working group.

**The Legal Subcommittee recommended, at its thirty-fourth session, in 1995, that an item entitled "Other matters" should be included in the agenda of its future sessions, and that no more than one three-hour meeting of the Subcommittee should be allocated for the consideration of that item at each session, unless a consensus decision was made by the Subcommittee to allocate more time for that purpose at a particular session (A/AC.105/607 and Corr.1, para. 53). The General Assembly, in paragraph 7 of its resolution 50/27, endorsed the recommendations and agreements concerning the organization of work in the Legal Subcommittee.

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Annex

INDICATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK a/

Date	*Morning*	*Afternoon*
Monday, 18 March	Opening of the session; statement by the Chairman	Definition/geostationary orbit
Tuesday, 19 March	Definition/geostationary orbit	Definition/geostationary orbit
Wednesday, 20 March	Definition/geostationary orbit	Definition/geostationary orbit or open-ended informal consultations b/
Thursday, 21 March	Definition/geostationary orbit	Definition/geostationary orbit
Friday, 22 March	Definition/geostationary orbit	Definition/geostationary orbit
Monday, 25 March	Outer space benefits	Outer space benefits
Tuesday, 26 March	Outer space benefits	Outer space benefits
Wednesday, 27 March	Outer space benefits	Outer space benefits or open-ended informal consultations
Thursday, 28 March	Outer space benefits	Outer space benefits
Friday, 29 March	Outer space benefits	Nuclear power sources c/
Monday, 1 April	Other matters	Nuclear power sources or open-ended informal consultations
Tuesday, 2 April	Reserved for preparation of the draft report by the Secretariat	Adoption of the report of the working group on definition/ geostationary orbit
Wednesday, 3 April	Adoption of the report of the working group on outer space benefits	Adoption of the report of the Subcommittee
Thursday, 4 April	Adoption of the report of the Subcommittee	

a/ The General Assembly, in paragraph 7 of its resolution 50/27, endorsed the recommendations and agreements concerning the organization of work in the Legal Subcommittee. The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, at its thirty-eighth session (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 20* (A/50/20, para. 189)), recalled its recommendation that the Legal Subcommittee, on a permanent basis, should rotate each year the order of consideration of substantive agenda items. The Committee, however, endorsed the recommendation of the Legal Subcommittee that the order of rotation

should be suspended for the 1996 session and that those items should be considered in the same order as in 1995 (items 4, 5 and 3).

The Committee, at its thirty-eighth session (A/50/20, para. 168), noted the flexible measures regarding procedure adopted by the Legal Subcommittee at its 1995 session (A/AC.105/607 and Corr.1, para. 12). The Committee agreed that the practice of allocating specific agenda items to particular meetings at a session should be ended and that, to assist in their planning, Member States would continue to be provided with an indicative schedule of work, which would be without prejudice to the actual timing of consideration of specific agenda items (A/50/20, para. 169 (b)). The Committee also agreed that agenda items should be considered consecutively and be considered closed after the list of speakers on any particular item had been exhausted and that the Chairman might propose that items could be suspended to allow additional discussion at future meetings (A/50/20, para. 169 (c)).

In accordance with established practice, some time in the first part of the session should be allocated for a general exchange of views. The Legal Subcommittee, at its 1995 session (A/AC.105/607 and Corr.1, para. 52), recommended that delegations taking part in such a general exchange should limit their statements to views on general legal and policy issues concerning the current and future work of the Subcommittee.

The Legal Subcommittee, at its 1995 session, agreed that it would conduct its sessions with the utmost flexibility and, in doing so, every effort would be made to conclude its sessions as early as practicable, with the goal being to conclude its sessions in two weeks, keeping in mind the need to consider new items for the agenda of the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/607 and Corr.1, para. 48). The Subcommittee also agreed to continue to improve the application of measures, adopted at its 1995 and previous sessions, which contributed to the effective utilization of conference services by the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/607 and Corr.1, para. 49). The Committee, at its thirty-eighth session (A/50/20, para. 190), endorsed the agreement of the Legal Subcommittee that a similar organization of work would serve as the basis for organizing the work of the Subcommittee at its thirty-fifth session.

b/ The Legal Subcommittee, at its 1995 session, concluded that at its next session the Chairman should conduct open-ended informal consultations, with all members of the Subcommittee, with a view to identifying, on the basis of consensus, a subject or a list of subjects that might be considered, in the future, for inclusion in the agenda of the Subcommittee (A/AC.105/607 and Corr.1, para. 54).

c/ The Legal Subcommittee agreed at its 1995 session (A/AC.105/607 and Corr.1, para. 16 (a)) that, at its session in 1996, less time should be allocated for the consideration of agenda item 3 than for the consideration of agenda items 4 and 5.